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1. Bindersleben (J26), 30-31 August 1948

Twenty-seven IL-4 aircraft took off eastward from Bindersleben airfield on 31 August. Twenty guards, said to hail from Jüterbog, were left at the field.

2. Borstel (Y75), 8 September 25X1B

Occupied by a fighter unit [REDACTED] with at least twenty-five YAK-3's. Training flights occurred at approximately 2,000 meters and lasted about eight minutes each. High altitude loops and dives were part of the training. Groups of three planes fired on wind sleeves. Vehicles at the field were in the [REDACTED] No parachute troops have been seen at Borstel.

Comment: [REDACTED] the arrival of paratroopers at Neu-lingen [REDACTED] apparently is not aware of the existence of the latter field, which also seems to service the Stendal area.)

3. Grossenhain (A01), 1-2 September

a. The field is occupied by approximately 1,000 men attending an officers training school, according to a local resident.

b. On 1 September, forty-five [REDACTED] were shifted to an unknown destination, but seventy new fighters (not described) arrived on 2 September, on which date lively training activity was observed.

c. The runway is grass covered and about 1.6 kilometers long. There are four hangars, two occupied by aircraft, two housing AA guns. The field has its own repair shop and its well supplied underground tanking station is connected with a railroad siding.

4. Welzow (A44), 28 August

The IL-2's formerly stationed at Welzow have been transferred to Cottbus. Sixty LA-5's arrived on 15 August and there has been constant training since that date. Comment: [REDACTED] twenty-five IL-2's at this field.)

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